

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No.: MBHB 04-105 (400.146))

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| In re the Application of:                   | ) |                           |
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| McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>                     | ) |                           |
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| Serial No.: 10/783,128                      | ) | Group Art Unit: 1635      |
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| Filed: February 20, 2004                    | ) | Examiner: Chong, Kimberly |
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| For: RNA Interference Mediated Treatment Of | ) | Confirmation No. 2611     |
| Polyglutamine (POLYQ) Repeat Expansion      | ) |                           |
| Diseases Using Short Interfering Nucleic    | ) |                           |
| Acid (siNA)                                 | ) |                           |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED JANUARY 5, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 5, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant also submits herewith a petition for a three month extension of time and payment of the appropriate fee during the electronic filing process. No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

**Amendments to the Specification** are on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.